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LETTER DATED 15 NOVEMBER 1991 FROM THE PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE OF THE LIBYAN ARAB JAMAHIRIYA TO THE UNITED NATIONS ADDRESSED TO THE PRESIDENT OF THE SECURITY COUNCIL

I have the honour to transmit to you herewith the text of a communiqué issued by the People's Committee for Foreign Liaison and International Cooperation concerning British and American statements in which accusations are made against what they have called "Libyan elements" of having been involved in the distressing incident of the crash of a Pan American World Airways aircraft in 1988 and categorically denying that Libya had any association with the said incident.

I should be grateful if you would have this letter and its annex circulated as a document of the Security Council.

(Signed) Ali Ahmed ELHOUDEIRI
Permanent Representative

Annex

Communiqué issued by the People's Committee for Foreign Liaison and International Cooperation

The People's Committee for Foreign Liaison and International Cooperation learnt with astonishment of the British and American statements in which accusations are made against what they have called "Libyan elements" of having been involved in the distressing incident of the crash of a Pan American World Airways aircraft in 1988. The People's Committee for Foreign Liaison and International Cooperation categorically denies that Libya had any association with that incident or that there was any knowledge of it on the part of the Libyan authorities, reaffirms its condemnation of terrorism in all its forms, and extends the sympathy of the Libyan people to the families affected by the incident and expresses its solidarity with them.

When a small, developing country such as Libya finds itself accused by super-Powers such as the United States and the United Kingdom, it reserves its full right to legitimate self-defence before a fair and impartial jurisdiction, before the United Nations and before the International Court of Justice and other bodies.

The People's Committee for Foreign Liaison and International Cooperation, while it suggests that the language of intimidation is not in accord with the parameters of the present time and that the alternative thereto is dialogue, evidence and logic, emphasizes that no contact has been established with the competent judicial authorities in Libya with a view to exploring the truth and verifying these allegations.

We urge the United States and the United Kingdom to be governed by the logic of the law, by wisdom and by reason and to seek the judgement of impartial international commissions of inquiry or of the International Court of Justice.